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GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 5, 2002

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BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

PROP

46

**HOUSING AND EMERGENCY SHELTER
TRUST FUND ACT OF 2002.**

Bond Act

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

SUMMARY

This act provides for the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002. For the purpose of providing shelters for battered women, clean and safe housing for low-income senior citizens, emergency shelters for homeless families with children, housing with social services for the homeless and mentally ill, repairs and accessibility improvements to apartments for families and handicapped citizens, homeownership assistance for military veterans, and security improvements and repairs to existing emergency shelters, shall the state create a housing trust fund by issuing bonds totaling two billion one hundred million dollars (\$2,100,000,000), paid from existing state funds at an average annual cost of one hundred fifty seven million dollars (\$157,000,000) per year over the 30-year life of the bonds, with the requirement that every city and county is eligible to receive funds as specified in the measure and with all expenditures subject to an independent audit?

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

Yes

A **YES** vote on this measure means: The state could sell \$2.1 billion in general obligation bonds to support various housing programs.

No

A **NO** vote on this measure means: The state could not sell \$2.1 billion in general obligation bonds for these purposes.

ARGUMENTS

Pro

Proposition 46 provides emergency shelters for battered women, affordable housing for seniors, low-income families, homeless shelters with social services; paid out of existing state resources without raising taxes; endorsed by AARP, Congress of California Seniors, League of Women Voters of California, California Chamber of Commerce, California State Sheriffs Association.

Con

This bond will provide \$2.1 billion for housing projects, but will cost taxpayers approximately \$3.36 billion to pay off. It will provide only miniscule benefits to first-time homebuyers and will do NOTHING to remove the bureaucratic and regulatory barriers to affordable housing throughout California.

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PROP

47

**KINDERGARTEN—UNIVERSITY PUBLIC
EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2002.**

Bond Act

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

SUMMARY

This thirteen billion fifty million dollar (\$13,050,000,000) bond issue will provide funding for necessary education facilities to relieve overcrowding and to repair older schools. Funds will be targeted to areas of the greatest need and must be spent according to strict accountability measures. Funds will also be used to upgrade and build new classrooms in the California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California, to provide adequate higher education facilities to accommodate the growing student enrollment. These bonds may be used only for eligible projects. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about \$26.2 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$13.05 billion) and interest (\$13.15 billion) costs on the bonds. Payments of about \$873 million per year.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

Yes

A **YES** vote on this measure means: The state could sell \$13.05 billion in general obligation bonds for the construction and renovation of public education facilities (kindergarten through 12th grade and higher education).

No

A **NO** vote on this measure means: The state could not sell \$13.05 billion in general obligation bonds for these purposes.

ARGUMENTS

Pro

MORE CLASSROOMS and BETTER SCHOOLS, WITHOUT RAISING TAXES. We need 13,000+ new classrooms! 47 ensures **CRITICALLY OVERCROWDED** districts get their **FAIR SHARE** to build classrooms, **REPAIR** old ones and improve **SAFETY**. Strict **ACCOUNTABILITY** and **AUDITS** required. California PTA, California Teachers Association, California Taxpayers' Association, Chamber of Commerce: "YES on 47"

Con

Under Prop 47, the most needed schools aren't required to begin construction for 6 1/2 years. This bond favors LAUSD over every other district in the state. Proposition 47 is the wrong solution to our school facilities crisis, poorly written, patently unfair and *will raise your taxes*.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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PROP

48

**COURT CONSOLIDATION.
LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.**

Put on the Ballot by the Legislature

SUMMARY

Amends Constitution to delete references to the municipal courts, which references are now obsolete due to the consolidation of superior and municipal trial courts into unified superior courts. Fiscal Impact: No additional cost to state or local government.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

Yes

A **YES** vote on this measure means: The California Constitution would be amended to remove obsolete references to the municipal courts, and to make conforming changes relating to the membership of the California Judicial Council and the membership of the Commission on Judicial Performance.

No

A **NO** vote on this measure means: The California Constitution would not be amended to remove obsolete references to the municipal courts, and would not be amended to make conforming changes to the membership of the California Judicial Council and the membership of the Commission on Judicial Performance.

ARGUMENTS

Pro

Four years ago the voters authorized the elimination of municipal courts. Municipal courts no longer exist. Their function has been merged into the superior court, for an estimated annual savings of \$23,000,000. Proposition 48 cleans up the California Constitution by eliminating obsolete references to the former municipal courts.

Con

Proposition 48 would unwisely prohibit the re-establishment of "municipal courts" in any of California's 58 counties. The elimination of municipal courts in favor of a single "superior court" in each county has created at least the appearance of unfairness and has made local courts more insular and less accountable.

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PROP

49

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.
STATE GRANTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

SUMMARY

Increases state grant funds available for before/after school programs, providing tutoring, homework assistance, and educational enrichment. Requires that, beginning 2004–05, new grants will not be taken from education funds guaranteed by Proposition 98. Fiscal Impact: Additional annual state costs for before and after school programs of up to \$455 million, beginning in 2004–05.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

Yes

A **YES** vote on this measure means: The state would provide additional funding of up to \$455 million to before and after school programs.

No

A **NO** vote on this measure means: Funding for before and after school programs would continue to depend on annual legislative action.

ARGUMENTS

Pro

Major university studies show after-school programs reduce gang activity, drugs and juvenile incarceration while protecting kids, improving grades, saving taxpayers \$3 for every \$1 invested through reduced costs for juvenile crime, grade repetition, and remedial education. Proposition 49 endorsements: California Taxpayers' Association, Teachers Association, PTA, Sheriffs, AARP, Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Con

Proposition 49 would unfairly take one program with a powerful sponsor and guarantee its funding every year. It would fall outside the budget process—even in tough economic times when it might take money away from more critical needs like environmental protection, health care, public safety and other children's programs.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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BALLOT MEASURE SUMMARY

PROP

50

WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY AND SAFE DRINKING WATER PROJECTS. COASTAL WETLANDS PURCHASE AND PROTECTION. BONDS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

SUMMARY

Authorizes \$3,440,000,000 general obligation bonds to fund a variety of specified water and wetlands projects. Fiscal Impact: State cost of up to \$6.9 billion over 30 years to repay bonds. Reduction in local property tax revenues, up to roughly \$10 million annually; partially offset by state funds. Unknown state and local operation and maintenance costs.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

Yes

A **YES** vote on this measure means: The state could sell \$3.44 billion in bonds for water quality, water supply reliability, and safe drinking water projects and for coastal land acquisition and protection.

No

A **NO** vote on this measure means: The state could not sell \$3.44 billion in bonds for these purposes.

ARGUMENTS

Pro

YES on 50 keeps clean drinking water flowing for California's rapidly-growing population. Prop 50 is a cost-effective approach to protecting vital water supplies and our coast. That's why **YES on 50** is endorsed by public health and safety groups, local water agencies, businesses and conservation groups throughout California.

Con

Proposition 50 does virtually nothing to complete the California Water Project, or provide us with new water supplies. It actually prohibits using bond funds for building new dams or reservoirs. It will cost you \$5.7 Billion over the next 25 years. Don't be fooled by this misleading initiative.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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PROP

51

TRANSPORTATION. DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING MOTOR VEHICLE SALES AND USE TAX. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

SUMMARY

Redistributes portion of existing state motor vehicle sales/lease revenues from General Fund to Trust Fund for transportation, environmental, and highway and school bus safety programs. Fiscal Impact: Redirects specified General Fund revenues to transportation-related purposes, totaling about \$420 million in 2002-03, \$910 million in 2003-04, and increasing amounts annually thereafter, depending on increases in motor vehicle sales and leasing.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

Yes

A **YES** vote on this measure means: Thirty percent of the General Fund revenues generated from the sales tax on the lease and sale of motor vehicles could be used only for state and local transportation-related purposes, instead of being available for programs funded by the General Fund.

No

A **NO** vote on this measure means: These revenues would continue to be available for General Fund supported programs rather than only for state and local transportation-related purposes.

ARGUMENTS

Pro

YES on 51 dedicates EXISTING vehicle sales taxes to repair unsafe roads and highways, replace unsafe school buses, and make walk paths to school safer for children. Includes tough audit requirements. Endorsed by California Transit Association, Lung Association, Nurses Association, Safe Kids Network, firefighters, and Police Chief Arturo Venegas.

Con

In a time of continuing budget deficits, Proposition 51 adds \$1 billion to the deficit every year for special interest projects. It gives your tax dollars to campaign contributors, not California's priorities. Don't force cuts in vital services or require tax increases. **Vote NO ON 51!**

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PROP

52

**ELECTION DAY VOTER REGISTRATION.
VOTER FRAUD PENALTIES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures

SUMMARY

Allows legally eligible persons to register to vote on election day. Increases criminal penalties for voter and voter registration fraud. Criminalizes conspiracy to commit voter fraud. Fiscal Impact: Annual state costs of about \$6 million to fund counties for election day voter registration activities. No anticipated net county costs. Minor state administrative costs and unknown, but probably minor, state costs to enforce new election fraud offense.

WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

Yes

A **YES** vote on this measure means: Eligible citizens could register to vote up to and including election day. Penalties would be increased for fraudulent registration or voting activity, and a new crime of conspiracy to commit election fraud would be created.

No

A **NO** vote on this measure means: Eligible citizens could not register to vote up to and including election day. Current law would remain in place requiring citizens to register to vote at least 15 days before an election. Penalties would not be increased for fraudulent registration or voting activity, and a new crime of conspiracy to commit election fraud would not be created.

ARGUMENTS

Pro

Proposition 52 allows eligible Californians to register and vote on election day at their polling place after showing a drivers license or two forms of valid ID. It will increase voter turnout while increasing penalties for voter fraud. Join the League of Women Voters of California and vote Yes.

Con

District Attorneys and Sheriffs say "NO on 52"! Prop. 52 makes it easy for CRIMINALS and NON-CITIZENS to vote without providing official ID to prove who they are. That's not fair to citizens who are properly registered. Vote NO on 52 to protect your vote and STOP VOTE FRAUD!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Election Day Checklist

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PROPOSITION 46 Yes ☐ No ☐

Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002.

PROPOSITION 47 Yes ☐ No ☐

Kindergarten–University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002.

PROPOSITION 48 Yes ☐ No ☐

Court Consolidation. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

PROPOSITION 49 Yes ☐ No ☐

Before and After School Programs. State Grants. Initiative Statute.

PROPOSITION 50 Yes ☐ No ☐

Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection. Bonds. Initiative Statute.

PROPOSITION 51 Yes ☐ No ☐

Transportation. Distribution of Existing Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax. Initiative Statute.

PROPOSITION 52 Yes ☐ No ☐

Election Day Voter Registration. Voter Fraud Penalties. Initiative Statute.

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Lieutenant Governor _____

Secretary of State _____

Controller _____

Treasurer _____

Attorney General _____

Insurance Commissioner _____

Superintendent of Public Instruction _____

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2. Learn about the candidates and ballot measures.
3. Find out how and where to vote.
4. Go to the polls and vote on Election Day or apply for and send in your absentee ballot.

You'll find all the information that you need about these four easy-to-follow steps by visiting the Vote America website at www.voteamerica.ca.gov.

